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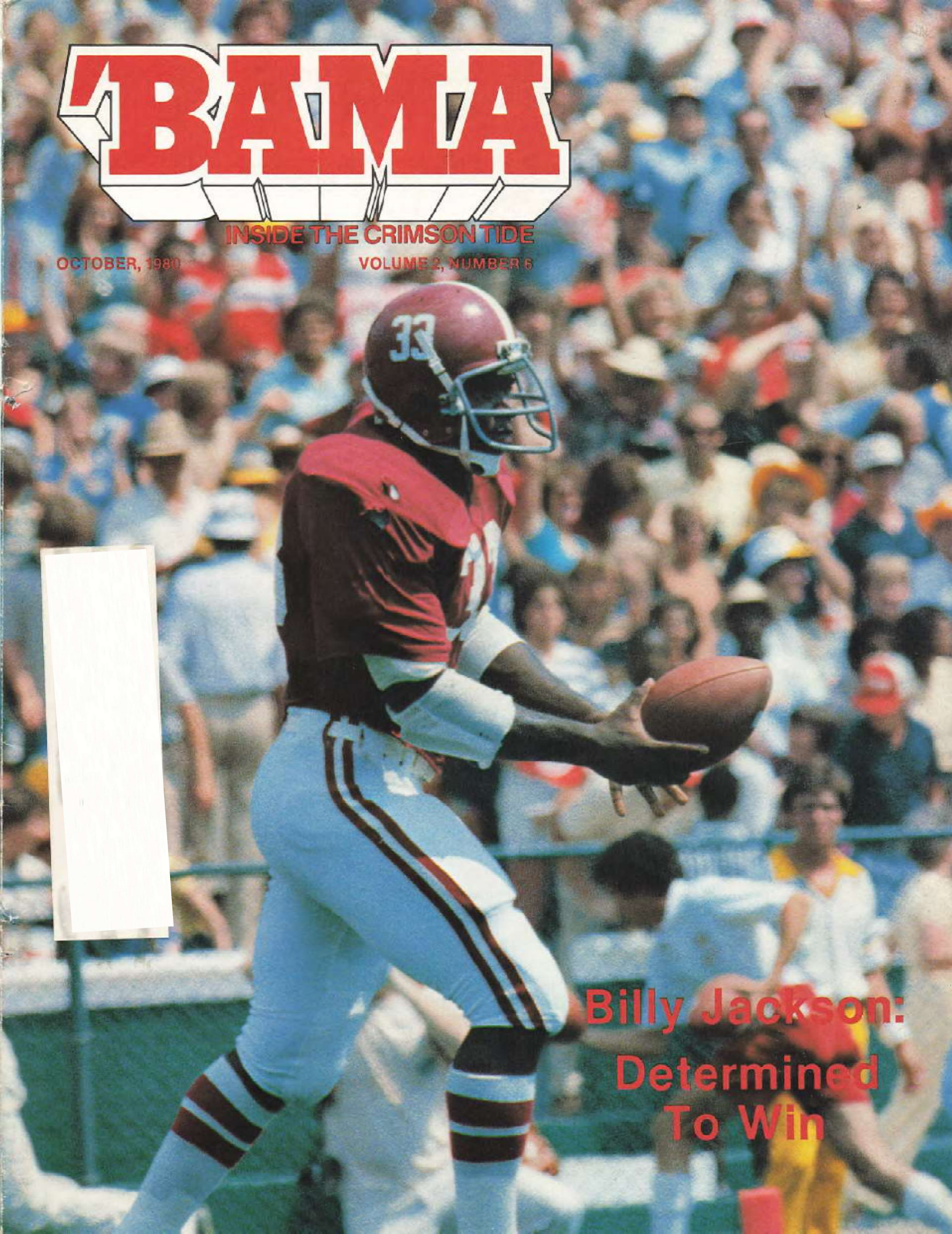

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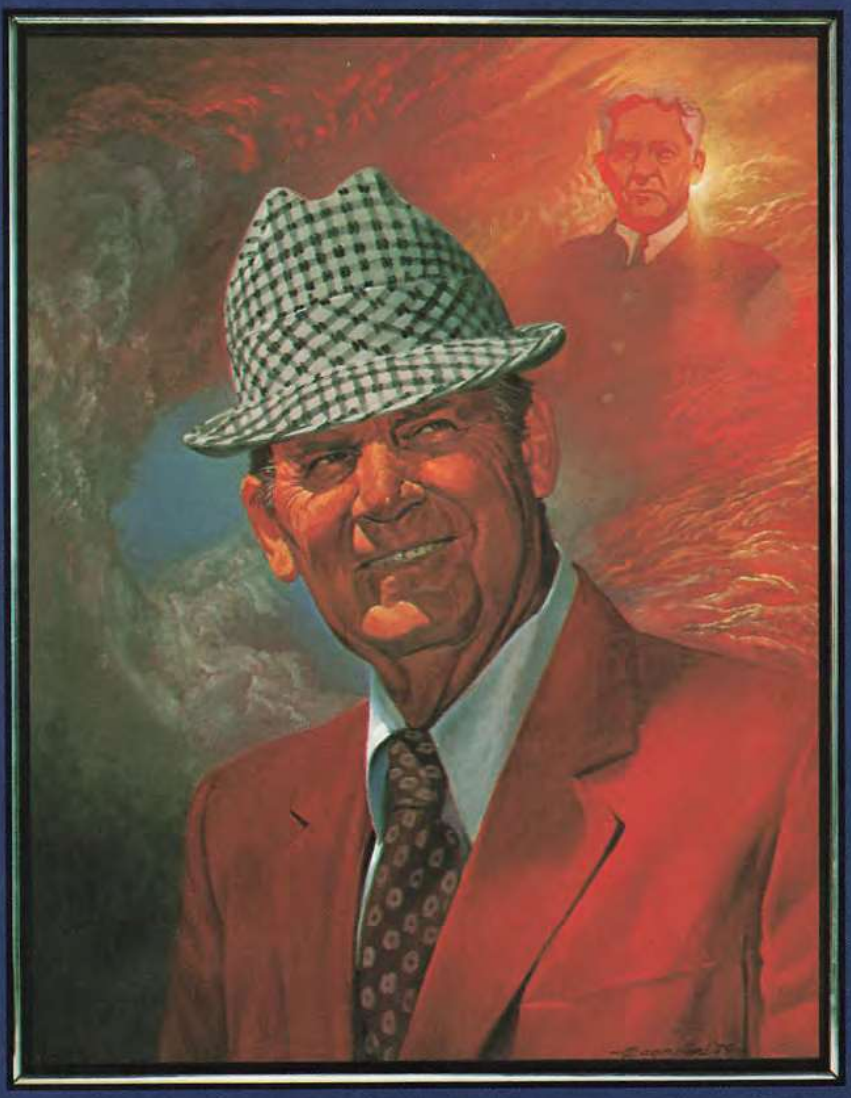

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Bama Recruiting

Selecting The Best

A lot of ingredients go into building a football program as successful as that of the University of Alabama's, but the hard, cold truth is that the team with the best players usually wins. In order to be able to coach good athletes, the Crimson Tide staff must first select and recruit them. It's a long, arduous process, usually over a year from the time of first contact to the final signing of the national letter-of-intent.

An indication of how successful Alabama's recruiting has been over the years is assistant athletic director Clem Gryska's timetable, which begins "after we get back from the bowl game." Had Alabama not been to a national record 21 straight bowl games, such a statement might sound presumptuous.

That first step is to send out forms to all high school coaches in Alabama, as well as to many in other areas, asking them to inform Alabama of prospects on their teams and/or in their areas. From that list, Bama coaches request films of games to evaluate the high school prospects.

Just as coach Bryant has to wait until he sees the film to know which Crimson Tide players have performed well in a game or practice, the Tide coaching staff evaluates the films of high school prospects playing as juniors. From time-to-time a coach watching one player will spot another in the game who proves to be a prospect. Such was the case in the finding of four-year offensive tackle starter Jim Bunch.

The next step for Bama staff members comes during high school spring training sessions. Spring training schedules are different in various states so that many coaches can see the prospects.

This initial evaluation is strictly for athletic ability. Obviously the athlete must have the ability to play football at Alabama or it would be a disservice to him and to Bama's program to recruit him. But coach Bryant insist that other things "are highly important. We think it's important to know about his background, to know what kind of person he is. I don't want any sorry people around here.

"First of all, we want him to want to get a degree. He won't be any good to us unless he wants his degree. We want people that are going to wind up being better spiritually, mentally and physically when they leave here, and to do that we've got to get good people when they come in here.

"And, we want people that football means a lot to. That doesn't mean that if it doesn't mean a lot to him he's a bad person. But I don't want someone that football doesn't mean a lot to. I want someone who has high goals, who wants to win a National Championship, someone who had great pride and is willing to pay the price to do those things, not because we want him to, but because he wants to."

Coach Gryska, who coordinates recruiting in all men's sports for Alabama, feels that the first step in this direction is talking with the high school coach. "NCAA rules severely restrict the number of personal contacts our staff may have with a player (three). But that high school coach has had day-to-day contact with the prospect, usually for several years. He'll know about him."

Alabama's first contact with an athlete will be a letter, informing him that he is being watched by Bama coaches and asking him for personal information. Sometime during the summer the Tide will have a personal contact with the athlete and his family.

Each Alabama assistant coach is assigned a specific geographic area to recruit. Additionally, one staff member each year is designated to work in all areas so that there will be a basis of comparison of various athletes. Evaluation continues throughout the fall, staff members spending Friday nights at high school football games, then returning to the Tide's Saturday game site. Two University airplanes and a few private craft aid in this task. Once every two weeks the staff meets to update the selection process.

Prospects are sent information about the University from time-to-time and Bama staffers keep in regular telephone contact with the young men they are recruiting.

When Bama plays in Tuscaloosa a

Alabama football coaches spend a great deal of time in recruiting. Assistant athletics director Clem Gryska (right) directs Bama recruiting. Gryska goes over weekend recruiting plans with (left to right) assistant coaches Sylvester Croom, Louis Campbell, Mal Moore and Bryant Pool. Spectrum-Southeast Photo

number of prospects are invited to the campus. A Tide player is host for each prospect for post-game recreation. Sunday morning includes breakfast at Bryant Hall with the staff and players, a meeting with coach Bryant and church.

For the most part, Bama prospects are "discovered" by the Tide staff. Alabama subscribes to none of the recruiting publications compiled nationwide. Friends and alumni occasionally report a prospect, but rarely one that is unknown to the athletics department.

It is Alabama policy to involve very few alumni in recruiting. "We spend half our time, it seems, talking about recruiting rules," explains coach Gryska. "They are so involved that we fear a well-meaning friend or alumnus of the University could inadvertantly break a rule. It's the old saying, 'the road to Hades is paved with good intentions.' We appreciate their interest and support, but we feel this is too complicated an area for alumni help."

Why I'm A Crimson Tider

The Alabama freshmen of 1980 are considered by many to be one of the finest groups of first-year college football men in America.

Here is why they say they selected the Crimson Tide:

MIKE ADCOCK, 6-2, 243 lineman from Johnson High School in Huntsville: "Ever since I was little I've wanted to play for Alabama. They are the best."

JESSE BENDROSS, 6-1, 180 split end from Miramar High School in Hollywood, Florida: "Because I'm excited to play under coach Bryant."

STEVE BOOKER, 6-2, 205 linebacker from Butler High School in Huntsville: "Because it's the best college."

DANTE BRAMBLETT, 6-2, 217 defensive end from Forest Park (Georgia) High School: "Friendly people and football tradition."

PAUL CARRUTH, 6-2, 205, quarterback-running back from Parklane Academy in Summit, Mississippi: "Tradition, coach Bryant, coach (Mal) Moore, coach (Ken) Donahue, and to learn to be a winner."

JOE CARTER, 6-0, 183 running back from Starkville (Mississippi) High School: "Because it was the best."

BRUCE DAVIS, 6-3, 233 defensive tackle from Jesuit High School in New Orleans: "Good school."

CHUCK FIELDS, 6-1, 192 defensive back from Marengo Academy in Linden: "I love Alabama football."

PAUL FIELDS, 6-0, 190 quarterback from Gardendale High School: "I like the school and it has great football tradition."

JAY GROGAN, 6-2, 205 tight end from Pell City High School: "Because they are the best."

MARCUS HILL, 6-2, 210 linebacker from Dothan High School: "Because I felt that Alabama was the best school."

JIM IVY, 6-3½, 266 lineman from Huffman High School in Birmingham: "I always wanted to play for Alabama."

MARK JACKSON, 6-4½, 255 center

from Madison High School in Houston: "To be on a National Championship team."

JOEY Jones, 5-10, 160 split end from Murphy High School in Mobile: "Impressed with the coaches and the program."

JERRY LAMBERT, 6-2, 230 lineman from Robinson High School in Tampa, Florida: "I've always wanted to play for coach Bryant."

WALTER LEWIS, 6-0, 189 quarterback from T.R. Miller High School in Brewton: "Alabama is known for having a terrific football program. I wanted to be a part of it."

ANDY MARTIN, 6-3, 200 quarterback from Muscle Shoals High School: "The winning tradition."

TOM McCRARY, 6-5, 256 lineman from Scottsboro High School: "Coach Bryant and tradition."

SCOTT McRAE, 6-2½, 200 fullback from Huntsville High School: "They are number one."

LINNIE PATRICK, 5-10, 175 running back from Walker High School in Jasper: "Great football tradition, great coaching, close to home."

DARYL PURVINE, 6-0, 210 linebacker from Campbell High School in Smyrna, Georgia: "Because I want to be number one."

MIKE RODRIGUEZ, 6-2, 220 fullback from Eau Gallie High School in Melbourne, Florida: "Academics and the winning tradition."

KURT SCHMISSRAUTER, 6-2, 240 lineman from Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee: "Bama is number one."

ANTHONY SMILEY, 6-0, 205 linebacker from Pinson Valley High School in Birmingham: "Because it's the best school in the nation and has coach Bryant."

DOUG VICKERS, 6-2½, 247 offensive tackle from Enterprise High School: "Because Alabama is a winner."

JIMMY WATTS, 6-1, 210 running back from Gulf Breeze (Florida) High School: "Because I liked the school and because of coach Bryant."

MIKE WHITE, 6-3, 230 lineman from Southwest DeKalb High School in Decatur, Georgia: "I wanted to play for a winner."

LLOYD WOFFORD, 6-3, 220 linebacker from Druid Hills High School in Atlanta: "Because it's the best."

New Alabama players Paul Carruth (top) and Jesse Bendross were among those who say they selected the Crimson Tide because of the outstanding coaching available at Bama. University of Alabama Photos

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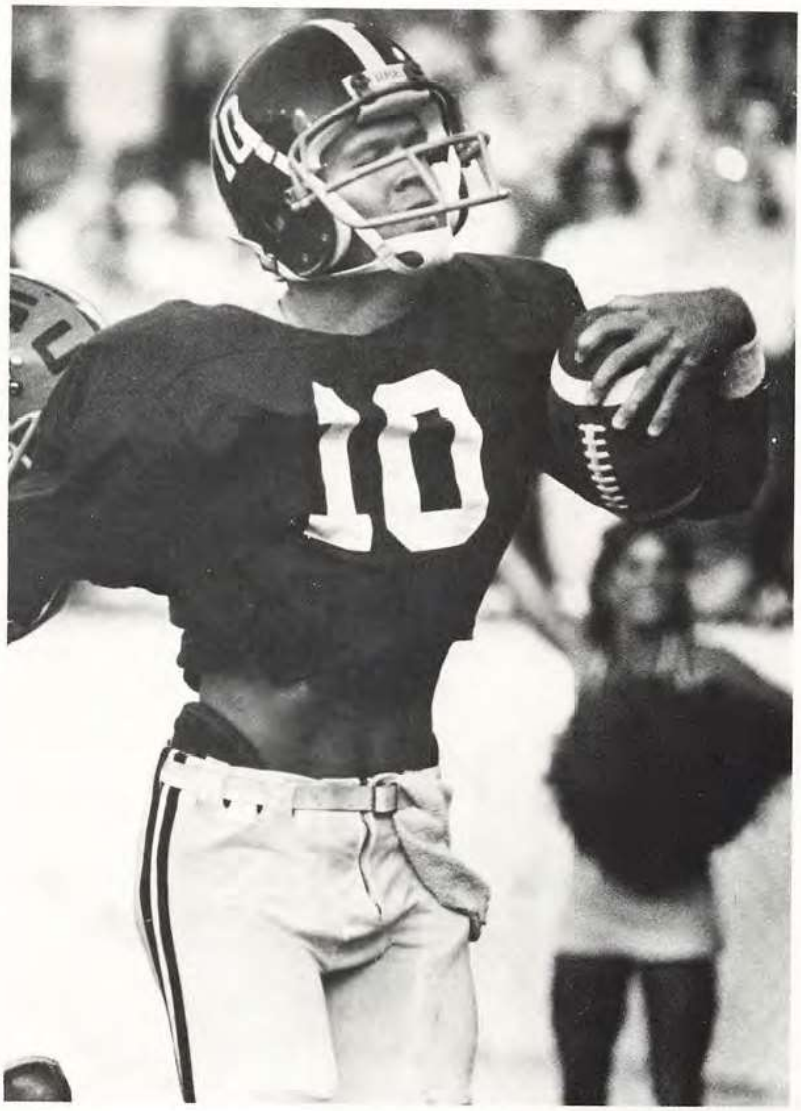

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Tide Cagers Near Practice

by Kirk McNair

A new era in Alabama athletics history gets under way when the Crimson Tide basketball team begins practice for the 1980-81 season on October 15.

Winfrey Worrell "Wimp" Sanderson is Alabama's 16th head basketball coach, but after two decades as an assistant he's certainly no stranger to the program.

Sanderson has a relatively veteran team to work with, although it is still somewhat a young team. The only graduate from last year's team, which went 18-12 and advanced to the second round of the NIT, is guard Robert "Rah Rah" Scott, who was named to the All-Southeastern Conference team.

The four returning starters are 6-7 senior forward Ken Johnson, 6-6 junior forward Eddie Phillips, 6-9 junior center Phillip Lockett and 6-4 sophomore guard Mike Davis. Phillips, the team's leading scorer (16.7 points per game) and rebounder (11.4 per game) last year, also earned All-SEC. Phillips is the league's leading returning rebounder, having trailed only Mississippi State's Rickey Brown last year.

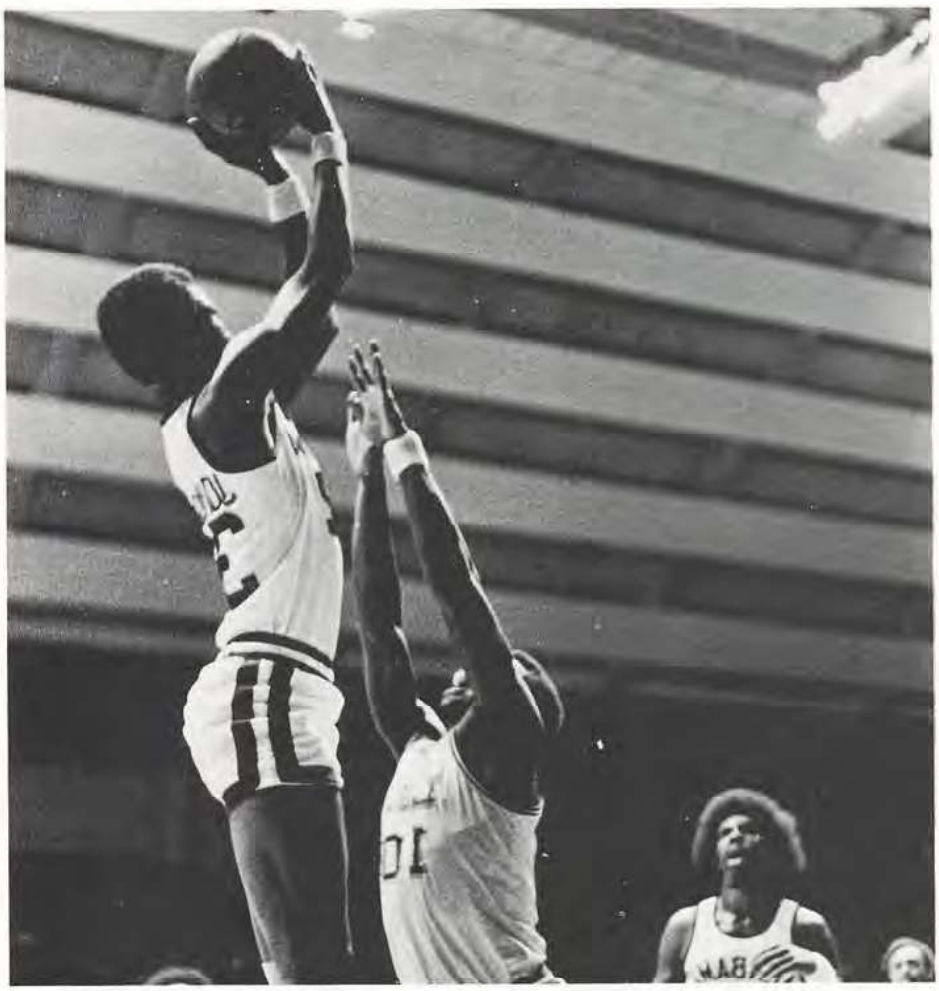
Johnson, the only senior on the team, will be starting for the fourth consecutive year. A fine outside shooter, "Silk" averaged 14.7 points and 5.5 rebounds per game last season. He is expected to break Leon Douglas' record of 108 consecutive starts midway through his senior year and has a chance to break the Alabama records of 118 games played and games started held by Reggie King. He has started each of Bama's 90 games in his career. Johnson could be slightly behind other Tiders when drills begin because of a severely sprained ankle injury suffered in late summer. He was in a cast for several weeks, but has been running and lifting weights over the past few weeks.

Lockett, at only 220 pounds on his 6-9 frame, is physically overmatched at center by some opponents, but has great quickness and leaping ability for a big man. Last year he averaged 6.6 points and 7.4 rebounds per game and blocked an impressive 26 shots (second only to Phillips' 32). Bama had hoped to recruit help for Lockett at center, but was unsuccessful.

Davis worked his way into the starting lineup and averaged 5.4 points per game. More importantly, he became a defensive standout for the Tide. In off-season conditioning work, his teammates say he has been the team leader.

Others returning include junior guard Eddie Adams (7.1 ppg), sophomore forward Cliff Windham (a real hustler who averaged 2.2 ppg), soph guard Vance Wheeler, soph forward Eugene Jones (another who has been a hard worker in off-season conditioning), junior center Maurice Myers and junior guard Reggie Strickland.

Alabama is counting heavily on transfer Desi Barmore, a 6-7, 217-pound sophomore who sat out last season after transferring from Southeast Missouri State. Although he worked at center as a redshirt last year, he will play forward this season. Other new faces are 6-3 guard Eric Richardson of Birmingham, who was Most Valuable Player in Alabama's high school all-star game; 6-8 wingman Terry Williams of Elkmont, who was state MVP in the 1A ranks last year; and 6-3 guard



Senior forward Ken Johnson is expected to be a leader for this year's Bama team as he starts for a fourth consecutive season in 1980-81.

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Sammy Randolph of Trenton, New Jersey, who was MVP in a summer all-star game in New Haven, Connecticutt pitting all-stars from Connecticutt against those from New Jersey. Randolph spent much of the summer in Centreville, about 30 miles from Tuscaloosa, where he has relatives.

Chris Cantrell, a 6-8 forward who had been expected to transfer to Alabama from Tulsa this year, instead went to Oral Roberts. Carl Mitchell, a member of the Tide team the past two years, has transferred to Southern Mississippi.

Bama will work for six weeks before the opener November 28 against Northern Iowa in Tuscaloosa. "This is an important six weeks because there will be a lot of competition for jobs," points out coach Sanderson. "We're going to be looking primarily for effort. This period will decide our starting lineup and, to some extent, our substitution pattern.

"In the past we could use the December schedule for experimentation to a greater extent than we can now. Previously we were concerned primarily with being ready for conference play. Now, with the NCAA taking teams in addition to those who win their league or their league tournament, the non-conference games become more important. Of course, we've always tried to win every time we go out. But now the importance of winning becomes far more important since the NCAA appears to go on overall record when selecting its at-large teams."

Last year Bama appeared to be a much stronger team than Tennessee at the end of the season, but the NCAA selected Tennessee for the national tournament on the basis of overall record over Alabama. Alabama played in the NIT.

Alabama's non-conference schedule does not appear to be strong at first glance, but coach Sanderson says that it is competitive and serves the purpose of exposing the Crimson Tide to the play of teams from all parts of the country.

Coach Sanderson lists several unknowns about the 1980-81 Tide. "First of all, we are short on experience at the guard position, even though Mike and Eddie split starting time there last year. Rah Rah was the guard who usually handled the basketball. Second, we don't have the size of a lot of people we'll be playing and we've got to hope to make up for it in quickness. Third, we're still a relatively young team. Fourth, we don't have real depth at the inside positions (center and strong forward)."

He doesn't expect the Bama gameplan to change a great deal from that of the past 12 years under coach C.M. Newton, who is now with the Southeastern Conference. "We probably played more zone defense last year than we had in the previous 11 years all together," points out coach Sanderson. "We're not going into this season planning on playing more or less zone. But we're going to be ready to use it if the game dictates it."

There has been much criticism in recent years of the slowdown tactics of many college basketball teams. Alabama has always been a fast break team and has not gone to a delay game. "Partly that was because we have been a poor free throw shooting team," admits Sanderson, "but we don't have any plans to be a delay team. We prefer in the critical stages of a basketball game (notably, the last couple of minutes of a very close game) to have sound judgment in play and shot selection and we'll continue to think in those terms."

Another holdover from the Newton era will be the use of the basektball staff. "I

The leading returning scorer and rebounder from last year, Eddie Phillips, returns for his junior year with the Crimson Tide basketball team in 1980-81.

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think it was healthy that all of us took an active part in all phases of the program under coach Newton and I plan to continue that," says Sanderson. "We'll all coach, we'll all recruit and we'll all be responsible for scouting and game preparation." Sanderson's holdover assistants are John Bostick and Leroy McClendon, while Don Maestri is a new part-time assistant.

Coach Sanderson sees the league "as very competitive. I know you hear that every year and it sounds trite, but I think it's true. I think the teams that you will be hearing as pre-season favorites in the SEC are Kentucky, LSU and Georgia, all of which had good teams and good recruiting."

Bama is expected to continue its practice of pre-season intrasquad games, some away from campus. The Tide will play in Tuscaloosa on November 7, the night before the Alabama-LSU football game. Other intrasquad games are expected to be in Birmingham, Montgomery and Huntsville. Oddly, three of the top prospects in Alabama this year live in Birmingham (Ennis Whatley of Phillips High, judged by one publication as the nation's top guard prospect and number three overall); Huntsville (6-9 Bobby Lee Hurt of Butler); and Montgomery (6-9 Ken Johnson of Carver).

Sophomore guard Mike Davis earned a starting job midway through last season and earned the respect of Bama opponents for his tough defensive play. University of Alabama Photo

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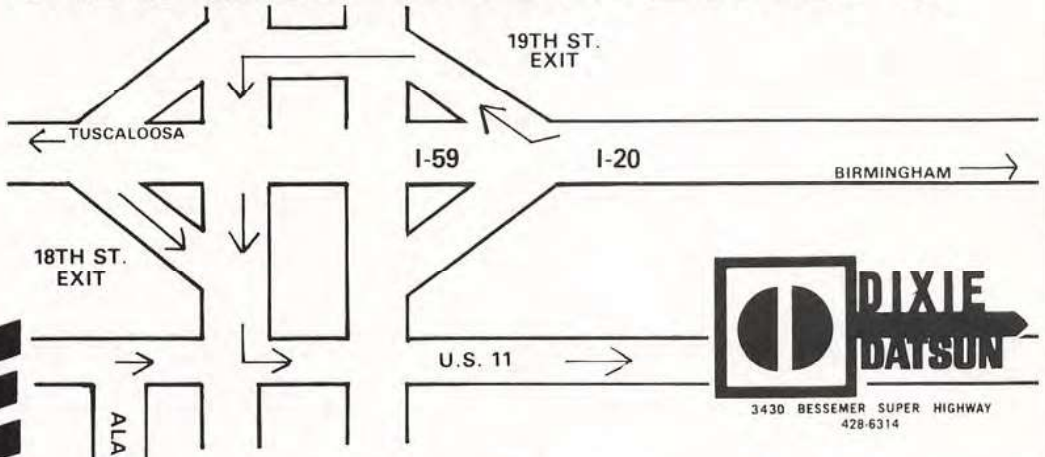

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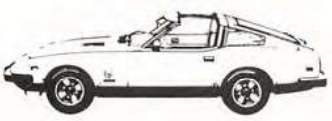

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Ricky Tucker:

Little Big Man

by Hank Brownstone

In many ways, Ricky Tucker is not unlike most young men raised in Alabama.

As a child, he had the normal thrilling experiences—a sparkling new bicycle, an apprehensive first kiss, crisp Christmas mornings and all the other things that tend to bring smiles to youthful faces.

But in one way, Tucker is special. He grew up—certainly not towering or broad, only up—to become a University of Alabama football player. Strangely, his first inclination that such a future was ahead of him, that day his mailman delivered tidings of joy, brought tears of happiness to his eyes.

"In the spring before my senior year of high school, I was like a little kid waiting for Santa Claus to come," Tucker remembers. "I knew it was time for colleges to send out questionaires to prospects. I was waiting and hoping, really dreaming I would get one from Alabama.

"Tennessee sent one first and I got some others quickly after that. But there was no doubt that Alabama was where I wanted to play football. Every day, I checked the mail hoping that special letter would be there.

"Then it happened! One day at school, Ken Irons, a split end on our Coffee High School (of Florence) team, brought it to me in the hall between classes. When I saw him, I could tell something was going on. He had a smile on his face from ear-to-ear. He said, 'Tucker, you are not gonna believe this!' He handed me the envelope and I could see the big red 'A' on it. I almost cried. I still consider that the most exciting day of my life."

It was not a bad day for Alabama, either. Tucker, now in his final season with the Crimson Tide, has been a strong force behind National Championships the last two season and a near-miss attempt at number one in 1977. He helped save an 18-10 victory over Georgia by intercepting a fourth-quarter pass in the fourth game of his freshman season, broke into the starting lineup the next week against Southern Cal at Los Angeles and has been a mainstay in the Alabama defense since.

But key plays have not earned Tucker warm spots in the hearts of Alabama fans. His big heart has done that. Everybody loves a gritty little man playing in game tailor-made for monsters. Certainly, at 5-foot-10½ and 172 pounds, tiny No. 18 qualifies for such admiration.

"I've been the runt all my life," Tucker says. "I've always been the smallest player on my teams. In the seventh grade, I was a whopping 5-foot-4. I did most of my growing between my eighth and ninth-grade years, to 5-foot-9. As a junior, I was 5-foot 10½. I've been stuck there since then.

"But I think playing football is all in the mind. The game is as much mental as physical, probably more. If I go on the field worrying about getting hurt, I probably will. But if I go out there and say I'm just as big as the other guy and I can hit just as hard as he can, it makes a difference.

"No, it doesn't take a special effort from me. My size has never bothered me. I automatically get pumped up. Games are exciting. I get butterflies, then I get ready to play.

"In games, I see a bunch of big folks in front of me. I notice them sometimes, but never to the point that it scares me. I'm not in awe of those big guys all around me.

"Do I feel pain? Yeah, all the time. A lot of it, from the start of practice to the end of the season. I take my share of punishment. But that's just part of the game. I have to love it or I wouldn't be out there. There's something special about the game of football that really turns me on."

Likewise, Tucker has charisma that draws teammates to his side. They admire his savvy, love his personality. They hate to meet him head-on during practices, but are pleased to call him a brother during games.

Senior quarterback Don Jacobs is happy to call Tucker his best friend.

"On the football field, Ricky will knock the doody-poo poo out of you," Jacobs says. "You never think about a guy that small hitting so hard. He's wirey, you know. Wham! He gets on top of you in a hurry.

"He's also a heckuva great guy. I hang around him, don't I? I don't hang around bums. Yeah, ol' Tuck is an okay individual."

Tucker is also a solid student, evidenced by the words of Bill Oliver, a former Alabama assistant coach who is

Ricky Tucker is one of the smallest men on the Alabama team, but Ricky's heart, ability and leadership are giant-sized qualities for the Crimson Tide.

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now head coach at Tennessee-Chattanooga. He coached Tucker three years before moving up in his profession.

"When you ask me about Ricky Tucker, you ask me about one of my favorite football players," Oliver says. "He is small, but the guy is like a Geiger counter. He turns that switch on and, look out, he is headed toward the ball. He's like a magnet on the field. I've never had a kid who could cover so much ground. He reacts quickly, fast enough to help other people. You think he'll make a mistake at some point, but he just hasn't done that.

"Ricky is one of the most coachable players I've ever worked with. He strives for perfection.

"And, that little rascal has played three years with a piece of loose cartilage in one of his knees. It has gone around the world in there, but he rarely complains about it."

Ironically, it was Oliver and Louis Campbell, the man who took his place on the Alabama staff this year, who more or less forced the decision to offer Tucker a scholarship.

By that time, Tucker had given up on a childhood dream of playing basketball—"There aren't many 5-foot-10 players running up and down college basketball courts"—and had developed into an all-star quarterback and defensive halfback. Every school that contacted him, other than Alabama, tried to gain his signature on a scholarship by dangling thoughts of him becoming a quarterback.

"Alabama shot straight with me," Tucker says, "and I appreciated it. I wasn't dumb. I knew my best bet was at defensive halfback. In fact, that is what I had made up my mind to play."

There were still two major questions, however, as in height and weight.

"I can remember how we decided to sign Ricky quite well," Oliver says. "Louis was recruiting in the Florence area and came in the office one day and said, 'They have this little guy at Florence, a really small guy, but he has some ability.' Louis liked Ricky from the start. Toward the end of the recruiting season, I asked him to get us some film so we could take a good, hard look.

"That was all it took. Ricky didn't make mistakes and his feet were fantastic. Louis and I were both anxious to get him to campus. When Ricky visited, I looked at him and it almost turned me off. He was so fragile looking.

"But we offered him a chance and he took it. As it worked out, we were thin depth-wise in the secondary during his freshman season, so he got a quick chance to play. It didn't take long to figure out that he is a fine football player."

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Tucker learned about the ups and downs of college football on one afternoon. Against Georgia, he fumbled a punt that proved costly in an eight-point game. A few minutes later, he intercepted a pass that cut off a final Georgia threat to tie the game.

Then came the next week and a stirring 21-20 victory over Southern Cal, when Tucker got his first start for the Crimson Tide.

"That was something, really some way to get baptised," Tucker says. "Clearly, that game is my biggest thrill at Alabama. It was also my biggest shock.

"You never know who will start a game until the team meets in the dressing room just before warmups. That's when coach Bryant goes down the list, position by position. He called my name that day and I almost swallowed a stick of gum.

"I'm a pretty emotional fellow and that fired me up. I was a freshman starting against USC in The (Los Angeles) Coliseum. It was something else. But after I got on the field, it was all over. It was time to play the game."

Tucker has been showing up for kickoff after kickoff ever since—smiling on the good times, frowning on a few nagging injuries that have kept him out of a few key games. He has played only a quarter and one-half against Auburn, for instance, which grieves him.

"It has always been something," Tucker says. "Last year, kind of topped them. I sprained my ankle on Thursday before the game. We were in shorts, just going through the motions at practice.

"That night, I stayed in the training room with ice on my ankle. I don't mean until just 10 o'clock or so, I mean ALL night. They let me take 30-minute naps, then made me stick my foot back in the bucket. It was a pain, but I really wanted to play.

"Finally, on Saturday morning, I tried to run in the parking lot of a Birmingham motel. I couldn't do it. It was a gallant effort by the trainers, but I lost again."

Tucker has another shot at Auburn. In the event something happens again, it will not put a dampening on his treasured memories.

"Hey, it's a great honor just being at Alabama and getting the chance to play football for coach Bryant," Tucker says. "It's well worth a few pains and bruises.

"In a way, playing my last season is sad. I love football and it'll all be over for me after this year. I'll have the memories, but I think it'll be mighty hard on me sitting and watching somebody else play.

Ricky Tucker uses speed, quickness and savvy to play a big man's game. He has been one of Bama's most consistent performers for four years. Joel Barnes Photo

"You know, it seems like only yesterday that I came down here for my first practice. The last three years of my life have flown by. Whew, where have they gone? But it has been three years I'll never forget, three special years that have been super to me.

"I tell you, this last season is something special. First, I want to do all I can to help our team win another national championship. And, of course, I want to play well myself.

"This is the last go-around. It would be stupid for me to go on the field and not go all-out the rest of the way."

For Tucker, that kind of effort comes easy.

At Alabama, he is "Little Big Man"—a small chief who does not need stilts to look eye-to-eye with giants of the game.

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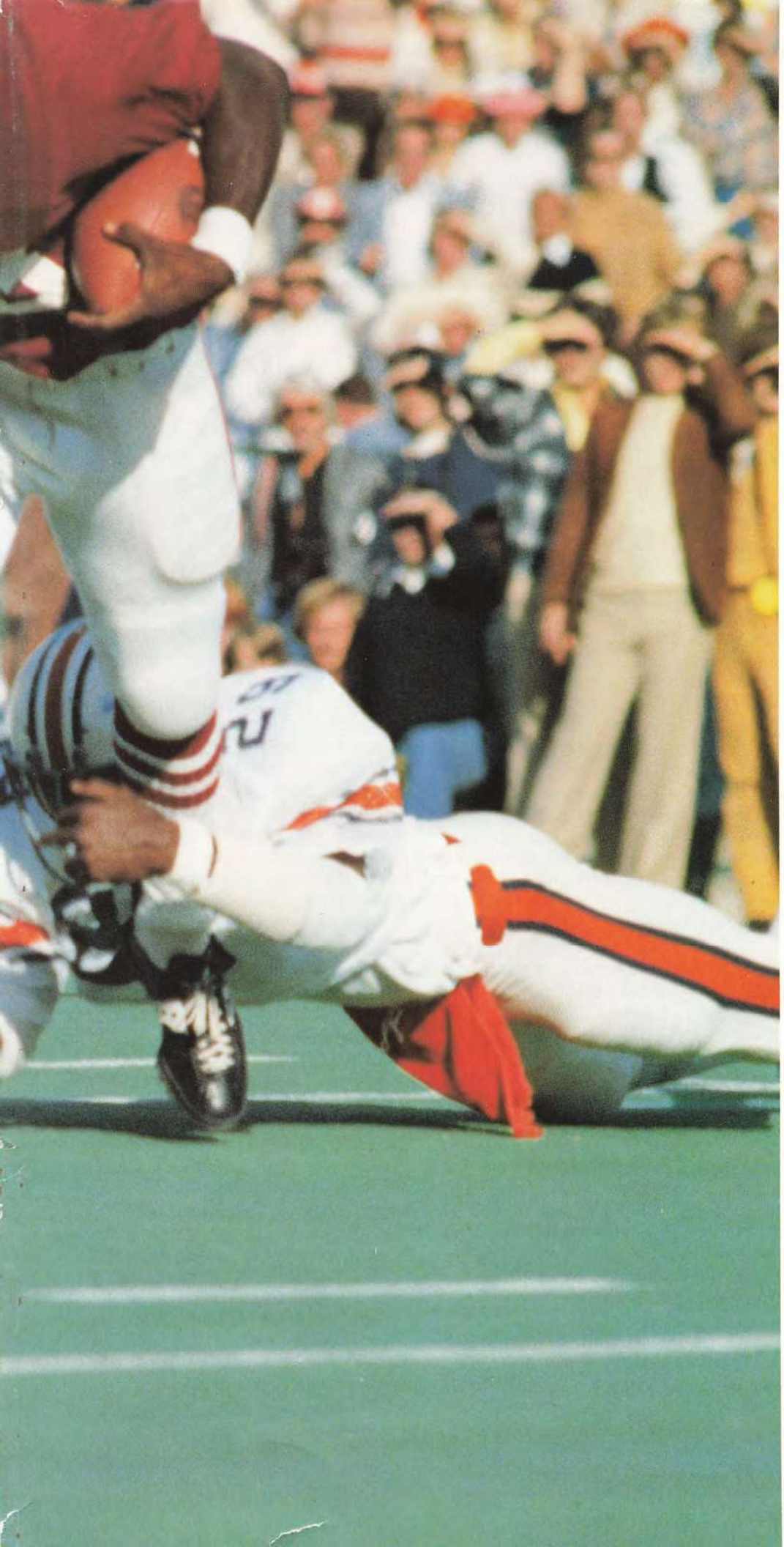

Billy Jackson:

Determined To Succeed

by Kirk McNair

There are very few Alabama football fans who would not recognize this description of a senior Crimson Tide running back:

- He's an outstanding football player.
- He's a first-class citizen.
- He says "Yes sir" and "No sir" to his coaches, professors and just about everyone else.
- He's at his best in the big games.
- He's made his life's plans without regard to professional football, although he'll almost certainly get his chance with the pros.

No one could be blamed for recognizing this description of Bama's Major Ogilvie, for it fits him perfectly. But Alabama is fortunate in that is also fits quite a few other Tiders, not the least of whom is Billy Jackson.

In some respects there are differences in Major and Billy. Major was brought up in the American Dream atmosphere of a Birmingham suburb. He was one of the most highly-recruited athletes in Alabama history. Billy and his seven brothers and sisters were orphaned when he was 12 years old. An aunt raised the family well, but without any extras. Billy was injured much of his senior year and had three scholarship offers—to Alabama, Georgia Tech and Southern University.

Billy has been a travelin' man in more than one way at Alabama. He's performed at both left halfback and fullback for the past three years. This year he's back at fullback, and he's happy about it. "The type runner I am, I think I'm a better fullback than halfback," says Billy. "I

Former Oklahoma coach Bud Wilkinson calls Bama's Billy Jackson "a classic runner," with his body weight forward and his knees driving, headed for the goalline. Spectrum-Southeast Photo

don't really have that accelerating speed to get to the corners." Tell it to the Razorbacks. In what was probably Billy's last performance at halfback he ripped through Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl for a game-leading 120 yards from his left half position.

"Billy's more suited to fullback and that's where he wants to play, but he'll do well at either position," says his coach, Shorty White. "If it's possible for him to be more productive at fullback—and it is—that's where we want him. But if circumstances dictate we need him at halfback, he'll be a winner there. Billy's a typical Alabama player in that he puts his personal goals behind those of the team. He wants to win."

While Billy is an outstanding performer for one of the nation's finest football teams, he is convinced there are very few schools for which he could play. "I don't consider myself a very good runner or a very good blocker, although maybe I'm close to being good at both," he says. "I think maybe I'm a better blocker than runner, which is why I've been fortunate enough to play at Alabama. But you look around the country and you see dozens of outstanding runners. I certainly don't consider myself in their class."

Coach White doesn't completely agree with Billy's assesment of himself. "He's probably not as big as most fullbacks, but Billy's as strong as anyone on the team. And he's sure quicker and faster than most fullbacks." Billy is 6-0, weighs 210 and bench presses over 400 pounds.

Billy made his varsity debut in 1978 in grand style. Bama opened in Birmingham against Nebraska, and the 20-3 victory was the beginning of a national championship season. Jackson's 14 carries for 62 yards included two big third down long yardage runs that kept alive a 99-yard touchdown drive to put the game away.

Billy's biggest game statistically in his sophomore season came against Florida, when he rushed for 147 yards, including an 87-yard touchdown romp that is the third longest in Alabama history. He was splitting time with Steve Whitman at fullback until midway through the season when Tony Nathan suffered an eye injury. Billy then moved to left halfback ("I'm sure it was because of my blocking," he says) and started there against Virginia Tech. Thereafter he split time at both fullback and halfback. Billy finished his sophomore year as Bama's third-leading rusher (behind Nathan and Ogilvie) with 103 runs for 568 yards, a 5.5 average, and two touchdowns.

"I guess the highlight of my career was the Florida game because I was aware that I had made some yards," says Billy. "Against Nebraska and against Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl I had good statistics, but I wasn't aware of it during the game. Those were such tough games that there's no time to reflect on whether you are having a good game personally. If someone had asked me after the Sugar Bowl how many yards I had rushing I wouldn't have said 50. When you get right down to it, there aren't many highlights in my career, but there are two National Championships."

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That's a typical Billy Jackson attitude. Certainly he would like to be a part of the first team in college football history to win three national crowns, but that's not a specific goal. "My goal is to win," he says. "It's hard to figure how to win a National Championship, but obviously you have to win. I thought we would win it after we beat Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl my freshman year, but we didn't. I know that one Alabama team (1965) won the National Championship with a loss and a tie, then the next year we won all our games and finished third. We just go out trying to win every week and then we'll just be like everyone else, waiting to see where the voters put us."

Billy had problems last year, a pulled hamstring that slowed him down. Normally a 4.6 man in the 40-yard dash, it was obvious to Tide coaches that he wasn't moving at that speed. "Billy's never been out of shape, but he had his problems last year," says coach White. "Billy doesn't want to complain and so we probably weren't aware of his injury as soon as we should have been. But when he got well, he showed what he can do in the Sugar Bowl. And he came back this year in that kind of shape."

Because of that injury, Jackson dropped to a 1979 performance of only 52 carries for 230 yards last year. Although his average of 4.4 yards per carry was good, he didn't score a touchdown rushing. He did have one touchdown reception among his four catches.

Then it all came together in the Sugar Bowl. Billy rushed 13 times for 120 yards (Arkansas as a team only had 97 yards rushing) and finished one half point behind Ogilvie for the Miller-Dighby Trophy, awarded to the game's outstanding player. He had back-to-back runs of 35 and 14 yards in a game-clinching 99-yard touchdown drive.

"I like to think that I play my best in the big games," says Billy. "Of course, that may not be so good. Coach Bryant says that anyone can get up for the big games, that the difficult thing to do is to play your best in those other games." Last year in regular season play Jackson had his best games against Tennessee, Mississippi State and Baylor.

He opened up this season in fine form, blasting for touchdowns against Georgia Tech on his first two carries of the year. Former Oklahoma coaching great Bud Wilkinson, who saw that game as the expert commentator for ESPN cable television coverage, was impressed with Billy. "He is a classic runner," said Wilkinson

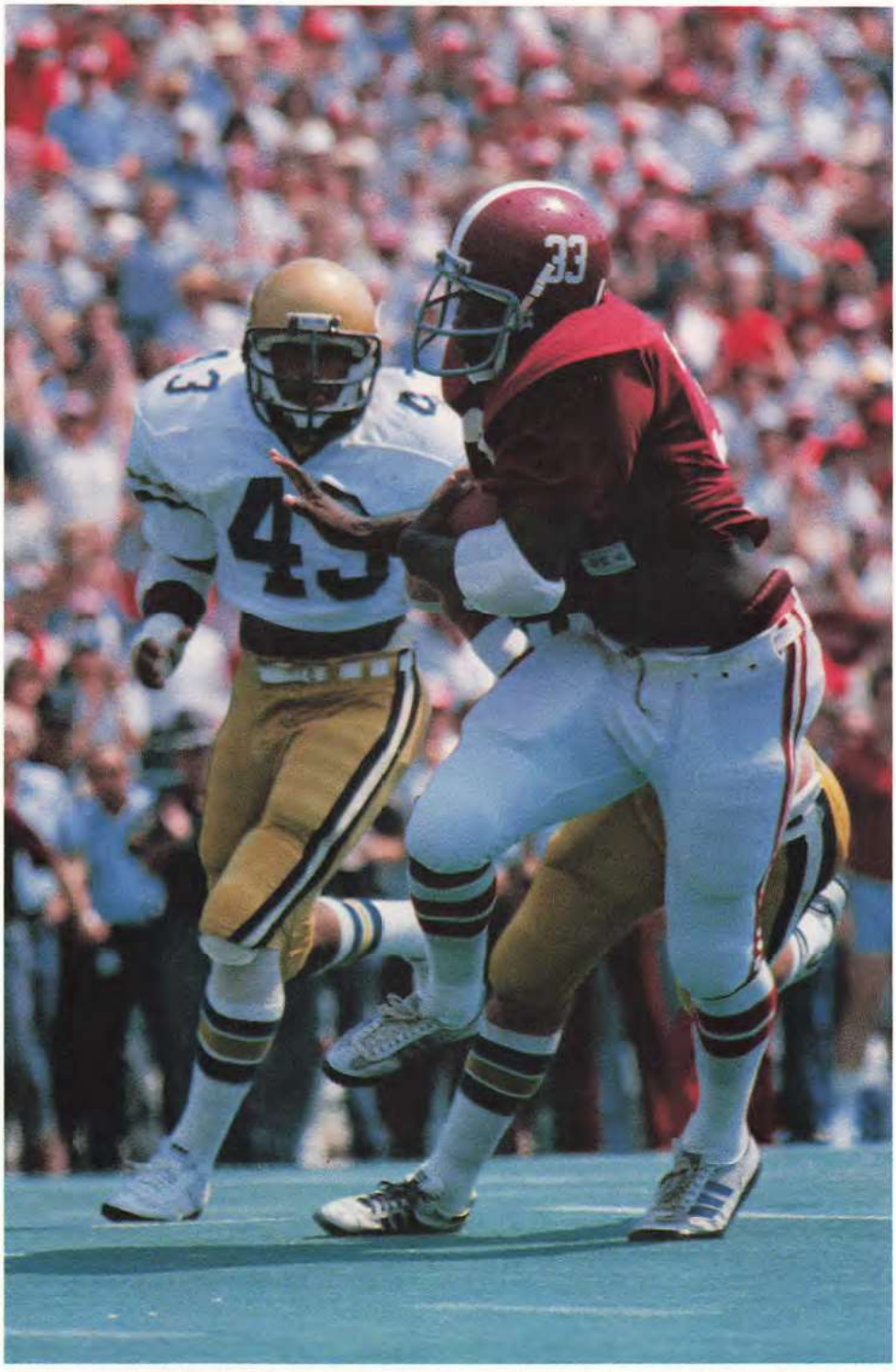
following the game. "He runs with his weight in front of him, his eyes on where he's going and his legs driving. And, obviously, he knows where the goalline is and he wants to get there."

Billy Jack, as he is known to his teammates, feels very fortunate to be a part of the Alabama program. "I had a pretty good junior year in high school (at Central in Phenix City, where he was a prep All-America that junior year), but my senior season I missed two and a half of our nine games with an injury and we didn't have a good year. I didn't get many visits from college coaches. I was offered a few visits."

Jackson decided on Alabama over Georgia Tech primarily because school classmates were going to Alabama, including Tide basketball star Ken Johnson. "Ken and I were good friends in high school," he says. "We really don't get to pal around as much now as we did then because we don't have many classes together and because our time is taken up in different sports. But he goes to the football games and cheers for me and I go to the basketball games and cheer for him." Billy first started following Bama football when his across-the-street neighbor, Woodrow Lowe, starred for the Tide.

He feels very fortunate that Alabama came calling. "Alabama was a winner and I guess they can have their choice of the good running backs. Some other teams were losing and weren't interested in me. I'm sure that Alabama could have picked someone with a lot better statistics. I don't know why they picked me, but I'm sure glad they did. I know there's no place I could have gone and been happier and there's probably no place else I could have gone and played as much as I have here."

Coach White remembers well Alabama's decision to recruit Jackson. "Paul Crane (now on the Ole Miss staff) and I went to see Billy in Columbus, Georgia. Billy wasn't being highly-recruited, but Paul was high on him and wanted me to see him. He played both halfback and fullback that night and did real well running the football. He had that same determination then that he has now. But what really conviced us that he was our type of football player was the way he blocked for his teammates. He had one block on a defensive end that was perfect in technique and explosiveness, which you don't often see from a high school player."



Billy Jackson says that he doesn't have great accelerating speed, but coach Shorty White says he's certainly quicker and faster than most fullbacks, as well as being one of the strongest men on the Alabama team.

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Billy doesn't bristle with overconfidence. "Now I'm starting, but it's because I have some experience," he says. "We have some guys behind me who have more ability. I just try to put all I can into it. One thing about it, whether you start or play as a substitute, you can make a contribution to the team. You can make a contribution even when you're not playing, too, by doing your best in practice. I didn't play a down with the varsity my freshman year, but I hoped that I practiced as hard then as I do now."

Coach White says that the Billy Jackson Crimson Tide fans see on Saturday is the same one that he sees every day in practice. "I think that the thing that marks Billy is his will to win," says coach White. "He has great intensity in practice and in games. He has so much determination. Put that with considerable ability and you have a football player. He's a pleasure to

be around on and off the football field, really a first class citizen and a leader."

Professional football is not firmly in Jackson's plans. "I guess every college player thinks about it from time-to-time, but I'm not blind. I watch a lot of football players and I know that I could be considered no more than an average back in the eyes of the pro scouts," says Billy. "If the opportunity comes and I measure up, then I would probably try it. But I really plan to pursue a career in juvenile work."

Billy is majoring in social work, after having begun his academic career in broadcasting, then switching to recreation. "Most seniors are taking primarily elective courses, but it cost me a lot of credits to change majors," says Jackson. Nevertheless, he expects to graduate next summer.

"It would be nice to go back to Phenix City and work, but that may not be possible," he says. "I have a lot of debts there. I grew up around a lot of children that I guess would be called misfits, but I think everyone has a lot of good in them that has to be brought out. I know I would feel very rewarded if I felt that I had been able to help someone.

"I grew up hard because of the circumstances, but there was a lot of love in my family. I don't think there's any question that because of the help I've had and the opportunity coach Bryant gave me that I've been lucky. But I also think that the difficulties we had have helped me. There are some things that you can't pay back, but you try to do the best you can. I guess because we never had any extras that material things don't mean as much to me. But there are other ways to repay those debts."

Jackson feels better about the 1980 Alabama team than he did prior to the beginning of the season. "I think maybe we lost our confidence for awhile," says Billy. "Before the season I did one of the dumbest things I've ever done. We were trying to build up confidence and I told some writers that I thought the backs might have to make their own holes for awhile until the offensive line matured. When I read it I realized how bad it was. Fortunately, my teammates didn't hold it against me.

"We're not a perfect football team by any means, but I think everyone's trying to do the best he can. Now that we've played I think we're going to be all right.

"We're a marked team every week and that makes it hard. But I'd hate to be somewhere where you were on a team that no one thought very highly of."

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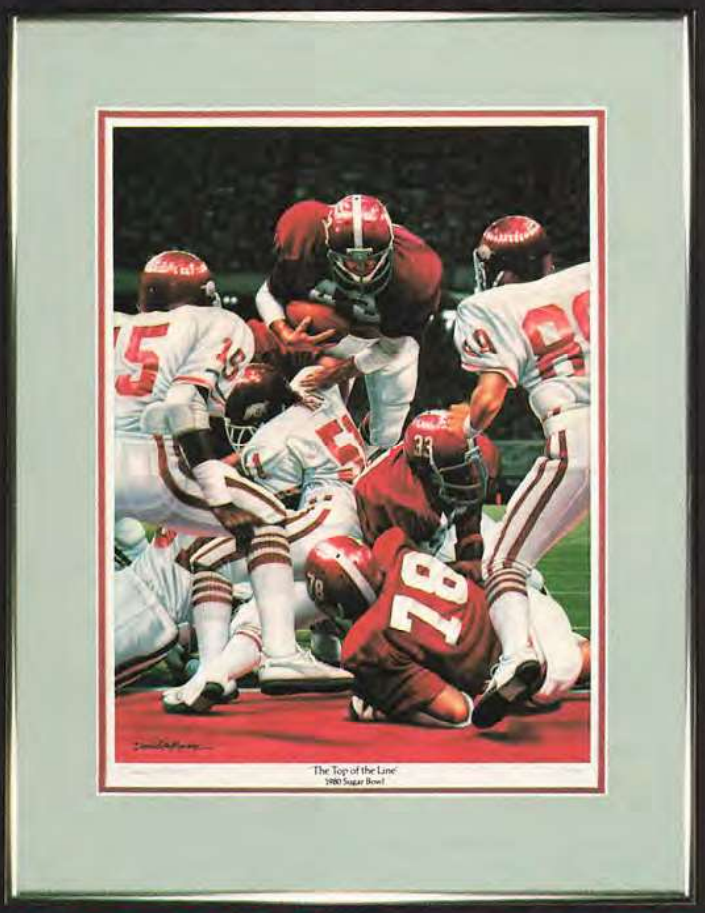

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If You Can't Stand The Heat, Do Something About It

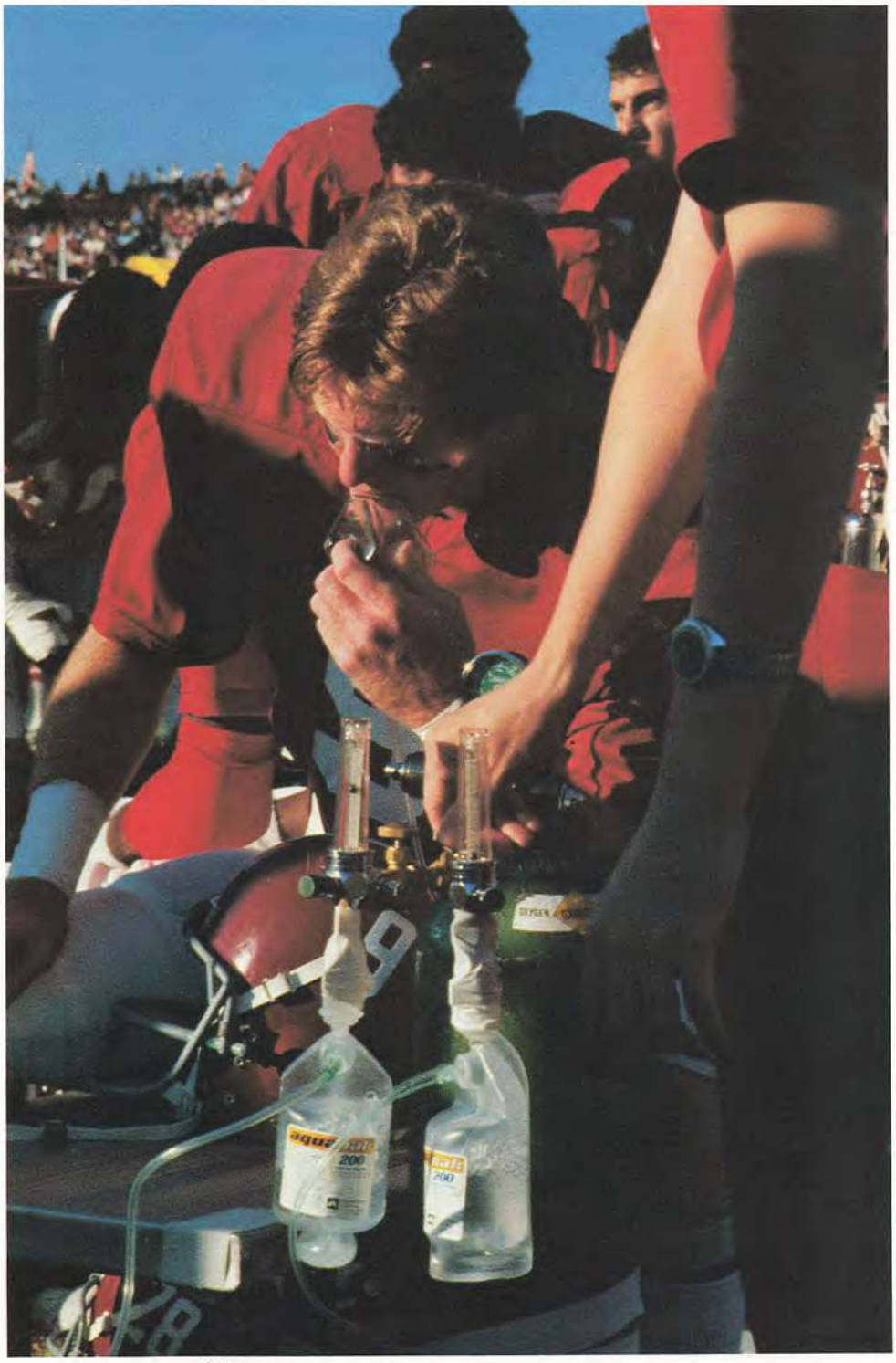
During the off-season, one tends to think of football weather in terms of crisp air, the leaves changing, sweaters and jackets. The truth of the matter is that Alabama does much of its practicing and playing in the weather more suited for baseball than football. As a result, a great deal of effort goes into preventing heat-related illness.

The three areas of heat-realated illness in order of seriousness are heat cramps, heat exhaustion and (often fatal) heat stroke.

The late summer and early fall in Alabama provided some of the hottest temperatures in history, with 100-plus marks into September. Prevention and care of heat-related illness at Alabama is under the supervision of the athletic training staff, including team physician Dr. William F. deShazo, head trainer Jim Goostree and assistant trainer Henry "Sang" Lyda.

"In recent years there has been a great deal of research and learning in this area," points out Goostree. "The days of working kids through a practice without rest or fluids are long gone. Coach Bryant recognized early the importance of avoiding the heat as much as possible. It's not realistic to think it can be avoided entirely, but you can take all steps to minimize the danger of illness."

Goostree has a thick file of papers that have been presented in recent years at various clinics dealing with heat-related illness. One such paper makes reference to Alabama's athletics dorm being air conditioned. "When I first heard of it I thought that Bear Bryant had finally made a mistake," read the paper. "However, we



Jim Bob Harris grabs a whiff of oxygen during a hot Bama game. Tide trainers don't consider this as important to dealing with heat-related illness as something as basic as the use of ice.

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have since learned the value of rapid cooling after practice to lessen loss of fluids."

It's not uncommon for a large football player to lose eight to 12 pounds during a game, perhaps a little more during a practice. That's not slimming down a big guard or tackle. That's loss of body fluid. "To put that into perspective," says Goostree, "losing eight pounds is losing a gallon of fluid. It's also using 4,800 calories. That fluid must be replaced to return the player to within two pounds of his weight within 24 hours." To chart this, all Alabama players weigh in before and after each practice during hot weather and the results are carefully monitored.

The first step in prevention of heat-related illness is acclimatization. "However," says Goostree, "it's one thing to work out in shorts in the sun and quite another to work out in full football gear. A football uniform causes the body to retain more heat and, as a result, lose more fluids."

The days of a water boy, manning a bucket of water, have gone the way of the leather helmet and 60-minute players in college. Numerous aides are now used by the Alabama training staff during practices and games.

Perhaps the most noticeable at Alabama home games in hot weather is the use of cool air blowers behind the Bama bench. An Atlanta sports columnist took note of this following the Tide's opener with Georgia Tech in Birmingham when he wrote: "There was a distinct definition of status along the sidelines—eight air conditioning units cooled the Alabama bench, and back of Tech's stood six electric fans." They are not really air conditioners. The units have water filters. Air is blown through the water and out towards the benches, cooling the air for about 20 feet. Alabama uses these devices only at Birmingham and Tuscaloosa games because of the involving wiring procedures. At other games in hot weather the benches are cooled by large fans.

Alabama also provides oxygen for its players during games, but the benefit of oxygen is described by Dr. deShazo as "primarily psychogenic," meaning the players think that it helps them, so maybe it does. "It may help slow their respiration rate quicker because of the technique we use—long, deep breaths—but I seriously doubt that it helps cool them," says Goostree. "But there may be better things than steak for a pregame meal, and yet we still have steak for a pre-game meal because the players think it's best for them."

The primary heat controls are still ice and fluids. During a hot afternoon game the Tide will go through about 1,000 pounds of ice on the sidelines and in the dressing room. The players take the modern version of the salt tablet, which contains large amounts of calcium, potassium and phosphates, in addition to sodium and chloride.

Bama players will consume about 15 gallons of water and 30 gallons of Quick Kick during a game, as well as Coke at halftime and following the game. Quick Kick is an electrolyte solution, similar to the better-known GatorAde. Bama players selected Quck Kick several years ago on the basis of taste.

Tide players are frequently cooled by wet towels and ice bags. Game and practice jerseys are perforated to allow air circulation. Most of a football uniform cannot be designed for much circulation.

It has been said that everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it. Alabama's training staff can't do anything about the weather, but they do work hard at making it bearable for Crimson Tide players.

—Kirk McNair

The Crimson Tide mascot gets hot, too, and takes a chance to cool off in front of the cool air blowers that are situated behind the Bama bench at home games. Cliff Byrd Photo

Letters To The Editor

'BAMA is pleased to attempt to answer any questions regarding Crimson Tide athletics. We also welcome any comments or suggestions. While we are naturally pleased to receive compliments, it is the feeling at 'BAMA that it is not our place to publish letters of that nature. Some of you have written asking for information that is somewhat detailed. We're sorry to be late answering those and promise to publish those as soon as more research time is available. Please address any correspondence to 'BAMA Magazine, P.O. Box 6104, University, AL 35486.

Dear 'BAMA:
Why isn't Bart Starr listed in the section of former Alabama players who went on to coach in college or pro football in the Alabama press guide?

Donnie Ray
Fairhope

That listing in the Alabama press guide concerns the former players and assistants of coach Bryant who went on to be head football coaches either at the collegiate or professional level. Starr, who is head coach of the Green Bay Packers, lettered at Alabama 1952-55, three years before coach Bryant returned as head coach at Alabama. Incidentally, that list of "Bear's Boys Who Became Head Coaches" numbers 43 with 17 currently active.

Dear 'BAMA:
I have two questions: 1.) I subscribed late to your magazine. The first edition I received was Volume 1, Number 10. Is there any way I can get the first nine issues that I missed? 2.) I have just purchased an RCA Video Cassette Recorder and I want to know if you know of any person or place that has cassettes of any Alabama football games (especially bowl games) for sale?

Kerry Rutherford
Alabaster

1.) A limited number of most back issues of 'BAMA are available at $1.25 each plus 25¢ postage and handling charges. This year's May-June issue (Volume 2, Number 3) is not available. Send your request to Circulation, 'BAMA Magazine, P.O. Box 6104, University, AL 35486. 2.) In all probability videotapes of many past Alabama football games are available from your fellow Crimson Tide fans. Anyone who has access to such cassettes could write to Mr. Rutherford at 1848 King Charles Court, Alabaster, AL 35007. Anyone else seeking such tapes might drop Mr. Rutherford a note (and a self-addressed, stamped post card or envelope) to find out if he has found a source.

Dear 'BAMA:
Before I will renew my current subscription, please provide assurance that 'BAMA will not be: 1.) Received after the game that is being previewed has been played; 2.) A replay of the week's newspaper articles; 3.) A public relations publication, but not an informative analysis of the current game situation. I suggest you review "The Cat's Pause" and "Inside Irish" for an informative sports publication.

George E. Harvey
Decatur

A primary reason for the change in format of 'BAMA this year, from strictly a magazine mailed second class to a magazine and newsletter (with the newsletter mailed first class), was to alleviate the problem of subscribers receiving 'BAMA too late to be timely. It has never been the intention of 'BAMA to have the same information as that provided by newspapers. However, recognizing that many subscribers live out of state (and even out of country), and therefore have little or no other source of information of how the game progressed, there must be some recap of the week's game in 'BAMA. The primary thrust of 'BAMA has been to analyze, both the game just played and the upcoming game. For instance, as far as we know 'BAMA was the only publication to point out the Tide's use of an unbalanced line in the opener against Georgia Tech. Alabama has a young line and when it is unbalanced it has difficult assignments. As a result, the Tide offense was somewhat confused at times. 'BAMA is not a public relations tool of Alabama's athletics department in the sense that the athletics department dictates what goes into the publication. If it seems that most reports in 'BAMA are glowing, lay the blame for that on the success of the Crimson Tide . . . and 'BAMA (and certainly most of its subscribers) hopes that it continues that way for many, many years.

Dear 'BAMA:
The Southeastern Conference voted to increase the number of regular conference games which each team plays each year from five to six with an additional seventh conference game to be played on a type of round-robin schedule over a period of years. I know that Alabama's present SEC regulars are: Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Mississippi State, LSU and Auburn. Which of the four remaining conference teams is going to become the sixth regular on the Bama schedule in the future? Also, what year will this new conference schedule take effect?

Jack Smith
Blytheville, Arkansas

The current Southeastern Conference schedule of five "traditional" opponents and one round-robin opponent goes through the 1986 season. Beginning with the 1987 season the SEC hopes to be playing either seven or eight conference games. If it is a seven-game format each team will keep its five traditional opponents and play two opponents on a round-robin basis. If it is an eight-game format there will probably be seven designated games with one round-robin opponent, played over a four-year period. It could be that there would be six designated games with two teams played on a round-robin basis over a six-year period. Although the SEC office has worked up a number of theoretical schedules, the plan has not been finalized. If more "traditional" opponents are added all SEC schools will have to agree on the matchups, something that will be difficult to achieve since it is unlikely that teams would want to add a tough opponent, such as Alabama, to its yearly schedule.

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Coach Bryant's 100th And 200th Victories

by Cecil Hurt

(In the near future, Alabama head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant will obtain his 300th career victory, joining two of the immortals of college coaching—Pop Warner and Amos Alonzo Stagg—as the only men ever to reach that lofty plateau. This achievement is perhaps best appreciated when one realizes that only nine coaches in the history of college football have ever reached the 200 victory mark, and that even the 100-win total is achieved only by the coaching colony's elite. The game in which coach Bryant achieves his 300th win will certainly be a great moment in the history of Alabama athletics, and we would therefore like to review at this time two other milestones in the Bryant career —the 100th and 200th wins.)

In 1959, Alabama's battle with Tulane, to be played in Ladd Stadium in Mobile, offered the Tide a chance to pass two important marks in the Alabama record books. First, coach Paul Bryant, in his second year at the Alabama helm, after returning to his alma mater from Texas A&M, had a chance to earn the 100th victory of his coaching career, while at the same time, Alabama had a chance to win its 100th Southeastern Conference game of all time. Most people expected the Tide, which had been ranked 17th in the nation

As a sophomore quarterback, the late Pat Trammell got the Tide rolling in an historic 19-7 victory over Tulane on November 7, 1959. It was the 100th career victory for coach Bryant, as well as Bama's 100th Southeastern Conference win.

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Coach Bryant's 200th career victory, in addition to historic importance, re-established Alabama as a national football power as it came 17-10 over Southern Cal in Los Angeles on September 10, 1971, the eve of coach Bryant's 58th birthday. This raft in his swimming pool greeted him on his return. University of Alabama Photo

by the UPI poll conducted that week, to do just that—the Crimsons were a solid touchdown favorite to whip the Green Wave in the November 7 clash.

Nevertheless, by the time that the game kicked off (8 P.M.), the weather had turned cold and the Crimson Tide seemed afflicted with a bad case of nervousness. In a game which was to be the 100th triumph for Alabama's famous mentor, the Tide looked anything but well-coached.

On the opening drive of the game, Alabama's defense stopped the Green Wave after allowing only one first down, but the Tide was unable to gain possession of the ball—the Tulane punt hit Alabama safety Billy Riahardson, and the

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Green Wave recovered. Again the Alabama defense was up to the task, however, and the Green Wave was stopped cold. After watching the Tulane punt roll out of bounds at its own 23, Alabama's offense took the field—at least, for one play. On the Tide's first play from scrimmage Richardson again fumbled, and Tulane took over, only to fumble themselves three plays later. The historic game was certainly looking anything but historic at this point, and things continued to worsen. After the Alabama offense was stymied on two plays, the Tide attempted a quick kick—which Tulane blocked.

This sort of play, of course, did not continue, although Alabama ended the game with five lost fumbles and 102 yards in penalties. The Tide won the game, 19-7, thanks to a 143-yard rushing performance by a second-string sophomore quarterback. The young man won the starting quarteback position for his performance against the Greenies, as he led the Tide to what coach Bryant called "our first good offensive performance". Although he had been the hero of a sloppy 100th win, there could have been no more appropriate person to lead coach Bryant's team to that milestone. The young quarterback, who went on to become the leader of Bryant's first National Champions and the prototype of the type of athlete that Bryant produces, was sophomore Pat Trammell.

History repeated itself in strange ways in Bryant's 200th win, which came nearly twelve years later. Again, a development, unnoticed at that time, just as Trammell had been, would take place, one that radically changed the image of Alabama and would bring National Championships to Tuscaloosa. The development in this case was not one of an individual, but that of a system—the Alabama wishbone offense.

Unlike the earlier Tulane game, Alabama definitely was not the favorite against USC. The Trojans looked bigger, stronger, and more talented. They had whipped the Tide in Birmingham a year earlier, 42-21. The Associated Press had rated the Trojans fourth in the nation, although many experts felt that John McKay's troops would finish the year as National Champions.

They were wrong.

The Crimson Tide, unlike the 1959 edition which had stumbled its way to a victory over Tulane, played with flawless efficiency in the first half, a fact made all the more significant when one realizes that the Tide was in an offense which it was using for the first time—the triple option wishbone. Behind the rushing of halfback Johnny Musso, Alabama's only highly-touted player coming into the game, Alabama burst out to a 17-0 lead in the first half—Musso scored both TDs on runs of 17 and eight yards—only to have the Trojans come roaring back to cut the lead to 17-10 at halftime. In the second half, however, Alabama played valiant defense and ball control offense, and preserved the 17-10 win. The heroes of the game—quarterback Terry Davis, defensive end Robin Parkhouse, and of course Musso, among others—were all subordinate that night to the coach, Paul Bryant. The triple option gamble, the hard drills to hone the defense to a championship level—these had been risks that Bryant had had to take, and he had won.

USC coach John McKay recognized that night what Bryant had done. "I was just plain out-coached," said McKay.

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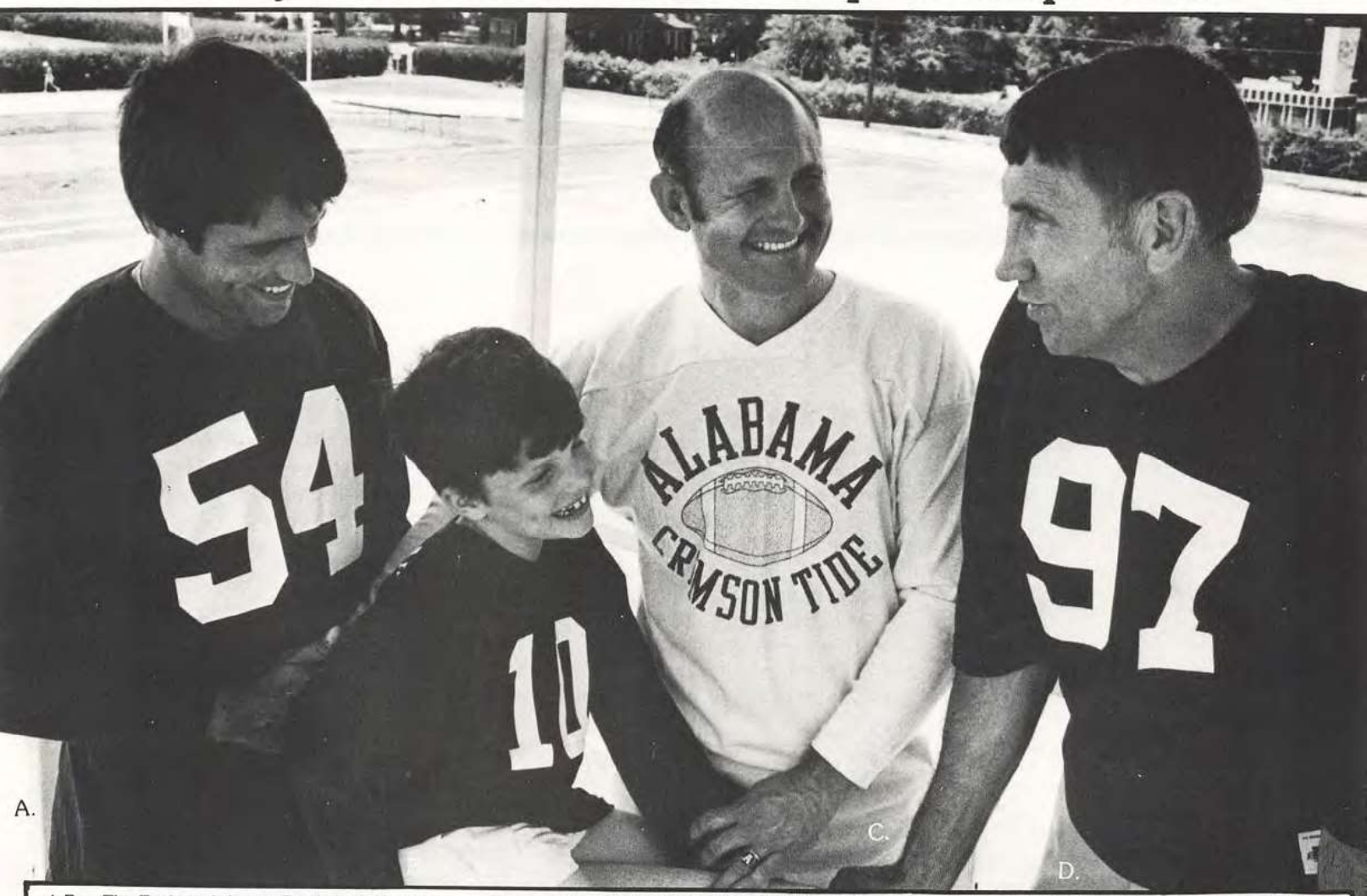

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Fund Proposed

A $1.5 million scholarship fund to honor coach Bryant is being proposed as part of the University's 150th anniversary celebration. Jack Plylar, president-elect of the National Alumni Association, revealed the proposal to the Faculty Senate. The $1.5 million would be raised by asking alumni and friends of the University to donate $150 or more to a foundation to honor coach Bryant. During 1981, the University's sesquicentennial year, coach Bryant is expected to break the all-time record for collegiate head football coaching victories.

ESPN Coverage

The NCAA-sanctioned all-sports cable television network, ESPN, is televising five more Alabama football games this season, after already having done the opening game against Georgia Tech. ESPN will televise the Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Rutgers, Southern Mississippi and LSU games on a delayed basis. None of the games will be shown prior to 7 p.m. Central Time on Sundays. The exact playback time will be announced on a weekly basis. ESPN does not televise teams on probation (currently, Auburn is the only such team). The Bama games with Tennessee and Notre Dame are not scheduled for delay showing because they are all but sure things for live coverage by ABC.

Fall Tennis

Bama head tennis coach Armi Neely's Crimson Tide netters will participate in

Cross Country

Alabama's men and women cross country teams have a full schedule in October. Both teams will be in action in three meets—the Florida State Invitational at Tallahassee October 4, the Furman Invitational at Greenville, South Carolina October 11 and the LSU Invitational at Baton Rouge October 18. Additionally, the Bama men of coach John Mitchell will participate in the Tennessee Invitational at Knoxville October 25. Bama's women will host the AIAW Regional Championships November 1, while the Tide men go to Auburn for the Southeastern Conference Championships November 7.

The 1980-81 Alabama swimming team, which has ranked among the nation's best for years, is expected to once again be among the elite. And this year Bama will be performing in one of the nation's best facilities, the recently completed Aquatic Center next to the natatorium. The new facility is Olympic-sized, 50 meters long and 25 yards wide, and includes a diving tower. Spectrum-Southeast Photo

several fall tournaments. Bama was to open fall play September 27-28 in the Converse Team Championships at the Radison Inn in Atlanta. Other teams participating in the round robin tournament were to be Auburn, Clemson and South Carolina. Coach Neely will have to split his team October 3-5. Four players—freshmen Stefan Olsson, Hans Carlsson, Tripp Gordon, and sophomore Beaver Bolander—will play in the Southwest Louisiana Cajun Classic, an eight-team event that features a number of the nation's top teams and players. The Tide will send Pat Perrin and Mike Wennberg and two players to be determined to the Southern Intercollegiate Championships at Athens, Georgia the same weekend. Some 40 teams will participate at Georgia, where the NCAA championships will be held next spring. The final fall event will be the LSU Collegiate Invitational November 7-9 at Baton Rouge with some 16 university teams competing.

Tiders To Florida

Two former staff members of the University of Alabama women's program have been named to positions with the University of Florida Lady Gator athletics staff. Susan "Liz" Foster, who served as graduate assistant basketball coach at Bama while earning her master's degree last year, is a full time asistant basketball coach for the Florida women's team. Carmen Charnock, who was a student trainer and assistant trainer while earning her undergraduate degree at Alabama, has been named assistant women's trainer at Florida. After earning her master's degree she served as athletic trainer for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia.

Visit To Atlanta

Tide basketball coaches spent several days in Atlanta recently at the training camp of the NBA Hawks. Head coach Wimp Sanderson and assistants John Bostick, Leroy McClendon and Don Maestri were guests of Atlanta head coach Hubbie Brown. The Tide assistants went over practice and game planning techniques and observed Atlanta drills.

Fall Training

Second year Alabama baseball coach Barry Shollenberger has enjoyed the warm fall as he's put his Crimson Tide through a rigorous training program. The Tide has 17 lettermen returning from last year. The 13 new recruits (including eight who were drafted by the pros but chose college instead) have been particularly impressive. Coach Shollenberger had 70 walkons for the beginning of fall drills and some 25 of those are given an excellent chance of making the Bama team.

Bama's planned trip to Hawaii next spring has been canceled.

Alabama's women's athletics program has two new coaches this year. Ann Cronic (left) is Bama's new head basketball coach, while Lewis Lay has just been named new head tennis coach. University of Alabama Photo

Women's Schedules

Alabama's women's volleyball team has a busy October planned. Matches include at Auburn on the first, at the Central Florida Invitational in Orlando the third and fourth, home against UAB the seventh, at Minneapolis for a match with Minnesota-Duluth on the ninth and the Minnesota Classic the 10th and 11th, home to Auburn the 14th, at Tennessee the 16th, in the Cincinnati Invitational the 17th and 18th, at UAB the 21st, at South Alabama the 28th and at Lexington, Kentucky for the Southeastern Conference Championships October 31-November 1.

The Tide's women tennis team will have a quadrangular match at the Crimson Tide courts October 3-4, then be on the road the rest of the month. Bama will play Kentucky at Knoxville October 10, then stay to play Tennessee on the 11th. Bama will participate in the Memphis State quad match October 31-November 2.

Tide golfers will paly in the University of Georgia Invitational October 13-15 and the Lady Gator November 14-16.

New Coach

Lewis Lay, coach and assistant captain of the USTA National Junior Wightman Cup team for the past five years, is the new women's tennis coach at Bama. A native of Atlanta, coach Lay was chaperone for the Southern Tennessee Association Girl's Intersectional Team for the past eight years. Most recently she was manager for the Bristol (Tennessee) Tennis Center. She has 20 title wins to her credit and has been ranked nationally.

Scholarships

Because two freshmen football signees were academically ineligible to participate in athletics this fall, Bama was able to award those two scholarships to varsity members not on scholarship. Those chosen to receive the grants were offensive tackle Bill Searcey (who had been taken off scholarship in the summer) and split end Darryl White, winner of the Ray Perkins Most improved Receiver Award in spring training and son of Tide assistant coach Shorty White.

SCHEDULES OF TIDE'S 1980 OPPONENTS

DATE	GEORGIA TECH	MISSISSIPPI	VANDERBILT	KENTUCKY	RUTGERS
Sept. 6	**3 Alabama 26**	20 Texas A&M 23		17 Utah St. 10	
Sept. 13		61 Memphis St. 7	6 Maryland 31	7 Oklahoma 29	21 Temple 3
Sept. 20	12 Florida 45	**35 Alabama 59**	14 Miss. State 24	30 Indiana 36	24 Cincinnati 7
Sept. 27	Memphis State	Tulane	**at Alabama**	Bowling Green	Princeton
Oct. 4	at No. Carolina	Southern Miss.		**at Alabama**	at Cornell
Oct. 11	Tennessee	at Georgia	Tulane		**Alabama**
Oct. 18	at Auburn	Florida	at Georgia	LSU	Wm. & Mary
Oct. 25	Tulane	at Vanderbilt	Ole Miss	Georgia	at Syracuse
Nov. 1	at Duke	at LSU	at Memphis St.	at Tulane	at Army
Nov. 8	Notre Dame		at Kentucky	Vanderbilt	at Virginia
Nov. 15	Navy	Tennessee	Miami	Florida	West Virginia
Nov. 22		Miss. State	UTC	at Tennessee	Colgate
Nov. 29	at Georgia		Tennessee		

DATE	TENNESSEE	SOU. MISS.	MISS. STATE	LSU	NOTRE DAME
Sept. 6	15 Georgia 16	17 Tulane 14	34 Memphis S. 7	0 FSU 16	31 Purdue 10
Sept. 13	17 USC 15		31 La. Tech 11	21 Kansas St. 0	
Sept. 20	35 Wash. St. 23	38 La. Tech 11	24 Vanderbilt 14	23 Colorado 20	29 Michigan 27
Sept. 27	at Auburn	at East Car.	at Florida	at Rice	
Oct. 4		at Ole Miss	at Illinois	at Florida	at Mich. State
Oct. 11	at Ga. Tech	at Miss. State	Sou. Miss.	Auburn	Miami
Oct. 18	**Alabama**	Ark. State	at Miami	at Kentucky	Army
Oct. 25	Pittsburgh	**at Alabama**	Auburn		at Arizona
Nov. 1	Virginia	Lamar	**Alabama**	Ole Miss	at Navy
Nov. 8		at Auburn		**at Alabama**	at Ga. Tech
Nov. 15	at Ole Miss	Richmond	LSU	at Miss. St.	**at Alabama**
Nov. 22	Kentucky	Louisville	Ole Miss	Tulane	Air Force
Nov. 29	at Vanderbilt				
Dec. 6					at Southern Cal.

1980 SEC STANDINGS	Conference	Overall
Georgia	1-0-0	3-0-0
Mississippi State	1-0-0	3-0-0
ALABAMA	**0-0-0**	**2-0-0**
Auburn	0-0-0	2-0-0
Florida	0-0-0	2-0-0
Louisiana State	0-0-0	2-1-0
Kentucky	0-0-0	1-2-0
Ole Miss	0-0-0	1-2-0
Tennessee	0-1-0	1-2-0
Vanderbilt	0-1-0	0-2-0

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DATE	DATE
Sept. 13-10 TCU 7	Oct. 18 Ga. Tech
Sept. 20-35 Duke 28	Oct. 25 at Miss. St.
Sept. 27 Tennessee	Nov. 1 at Florida
Oct. 4 Richmond	Nov. 8 Sou. Miss.
Oct. 11 at LSU	Nov. 15 Georgia
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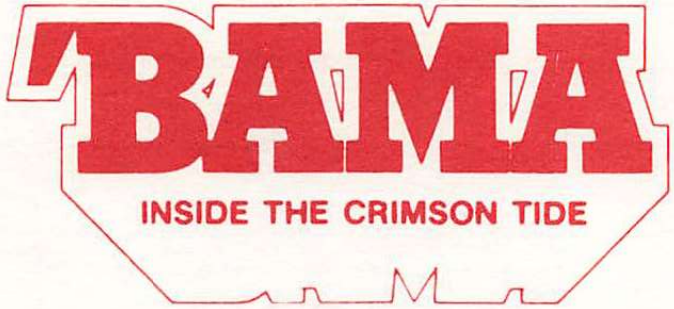

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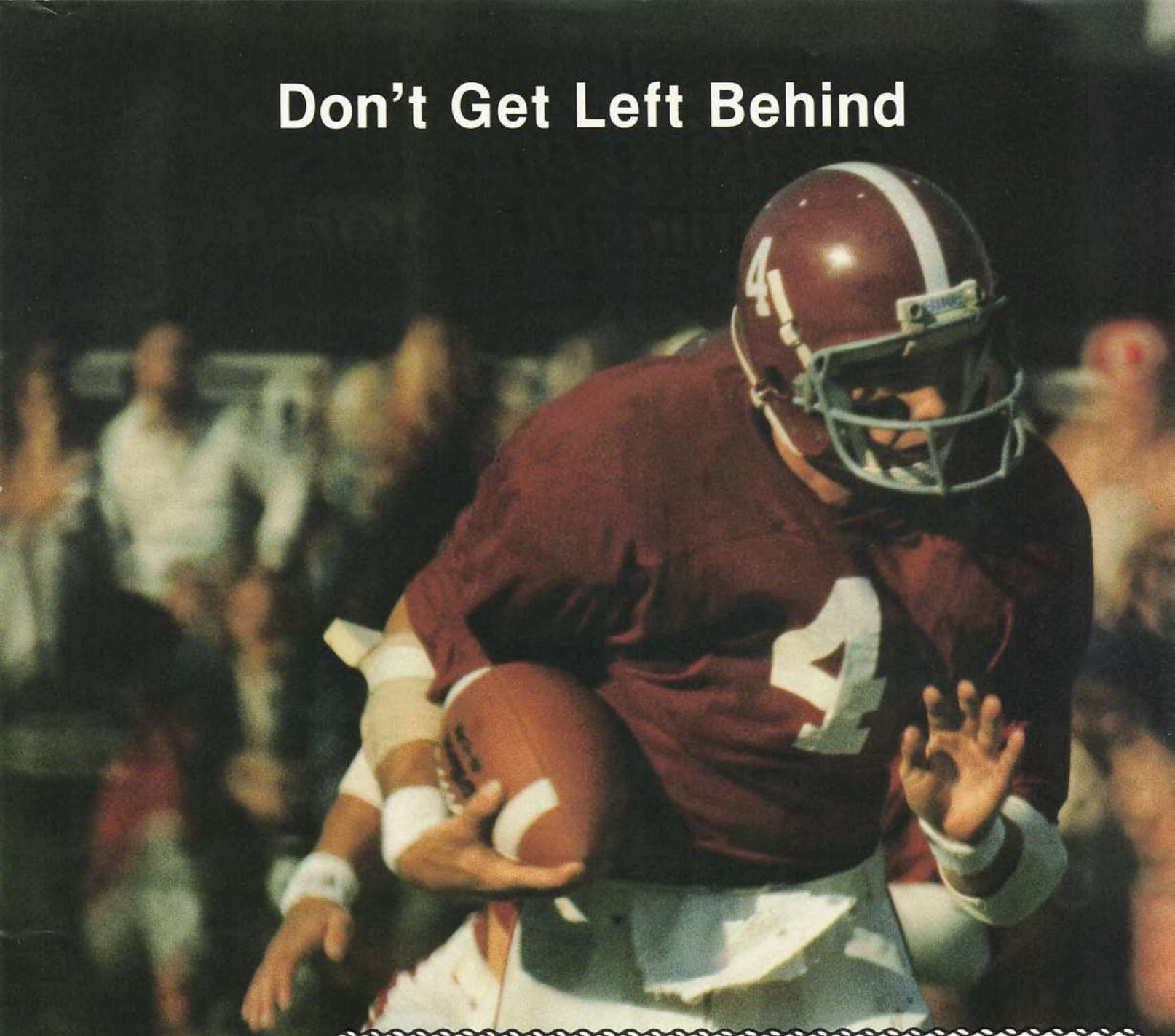

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